

PHARMACY BOARD[657]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147.76, the Board of Pharmacy hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 2, “Pharmacist Licenses,” Iowa Administrative Code.

This amendment was approved at the August 30, 2017, regular meeting of the Board of Pharmacy.

The proposed amendment permits an applicant who is not eligible for a social security number but who has an individual tax identification number (ITIN) to provide that ITIN on the application for pharmacist licensure by examination. Such applicant shall also be required to provide proof of presence such as a permanent resident card, an employment authorization document issued by the federal government, or certain types of visas.

Requests for waiver or variance of the discretionary provisions of Board rules will be considered pursuant to 657—Chapter 34.

Any interested person may present written comments, data, views, and arguments on the proposed amendment not later than 4:30 p.m. on October 31, 2017. Such written materials may be sent to Terry Witkowski, Executive Officer, Board of Pharmacy, 400 S.W. Eighth Street, Suite E, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-4688; or by e-mail to terry.witkowski@iowa.gov.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no measurable impact on jobs has been found. Amending the application requirements in this manner may make it a bit easier for foreign applicants who do not yet qualify for a social security number to obtain employment in their profession in a more timely manner, but the amendment is not expected to impact many individuals.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 147.2, 147.36, and 155A.7 through 155A.9.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend subrule 2.2(1) as follows:

2.2(1) Required information. The application for examination shall require that the applicant provide, at a minimum, the following: name; address; telephone number; date of birth; social security number or individual tax identification number (ITIN); name and location of college of pharmacy and date of graduation; one current photograph of a quality at least similar to a passport photograph; and internship experience. If the applicant provides an ITIN in lieu of a social security number, the applicant shall also provide acceptable proof of lawful presence. Each applicant shall also declare the following: history of prior pharmacist licensure examinations and record of offenses including but not limited to charges, convictions, and fines which relate to the profession or that may affect the licensee’s ability to practice pharmacy.